

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

BOUGUELERET ET AL.

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FOR: SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES ASSOCIATED WITH
CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of May 6, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 23, 2007. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the deadline to October 6, 2008.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 504409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$ 1590 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 504409 in the name of Novartis.

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